

During the interview, Applicant's representative proposed the amendment to claims 1, 6 and 13 (See attached sheet), wherein claims have been clarified to overcome the rejection of claims in view of Andersen. Applicant's representative argues that Andersen discloses coating film is provided with a molding material mixture rather than formed in situ through a steam expansion process, which is found persuasive. Examiner suggested the phrase "providing a coating film separately from the molding material, wherein coating film is mainly made of ..." to clarify the limitation of claims in the proposed amendment.

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